

**Zeitschrift:** The Swiss observer : the journal of the Federation of Swiss Societies in the UK

**Herausgeber:** Federation of Swiss Societies in the United Kingdom

**Band:** - (1923)

**Heft:** 111

**Rubrik:** -The Foyer Suisse : Secretary's Report for 1922/23

### **Nutzungsbedingungen**

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

### **Conditions d'utilisation**

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

### **Terms of use**

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

**Download PDF:** 11.08.2025

**ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>**

# ZENITH

THE ZENITH WATCH CO. (Gt. Britain)  
119, HIGH HOLBORN, W.C.1.  
Factories: LE LOCLE (Switzerland).

Watches are quality watches. Quality is irreplaceable, for quality is economy. Inferiority is expensive. Only that which serves well, saves well. Into the construction of ZENITH goods goes that extra measure which can no more be purchased for less, than ZENITH performance can be equalled by lower grade goods.

Sold by leading Jewellers everywhere.

## THE FOYER SUISSE.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1922/23.

All the best things in the world grow silently and slowly, so has the Foyer Suisse. It has taken the Consistoire of the Swiss Church three full years to prepare the statutes of the institution, and it took ten years in all to open the doors of the actual Foyer Suisse. A Company was formed under the Acts of Parliament of 1908, and 1913, and the Memorandum and Articles of Association were duly signed in November 1917 and submitted to the Board of Trade. All the chief London newspapers published the purposes and objects of the Company. No objections being received, the Company was duly incorporated at Somerset House on the 10th December, 1917.

The Foyer Suisse is an institution not run for profit (*Association sans but lucratif*). The funds in hand can only be applied for the purposes of maintaining and carrying on the work of the institution. This form of Company is very little known even in Great Britain, and the architect of the landlords, when calling on business a few days ago, could not understand that some of the members of the Council of Management really put in work without profit.

The registered objects of the Company are threefold: (1) Home and Hostel; (2) Centre of Union for the whole Swiss Colony; (3) Parish Hall for the Swiss Church, all the three being legally on equal terms. The Council of Management, elected by the members, is the directing authority, and it is their undeniable duty and privilege to administer the statutes in an impartial and judicious manner.

With these aims before them, the Council of Management has been house-hunting for four years. The whole West Central District has become very familiar ground to some of the members. There was not a building changing hands or up for sale the secretary did not know of; unfortunately, the premises were generally unsuitable or the price asked beyond reach. The present buildings were visited as long as three and a half years ago, when the price asked was £6,000, fully furnished. Last summer this figure had come down to £4,000, and after lengthy negotiations the lease of the two houses, without the furniture, was finally secured for the amount of £2,000, with 11 years to run.

The drains of the two houses had previously been thoroughly tested by a firm of sanitary engineers, the central heating apparatus by Messrs. Sulzer Bros., Ltd., while the architectural survey was made by Mr. Theoph. Schaerer. The Council wish to express their best thanks to our compatriots for their services rendered free of charge.

The question of managements has also had the Council's attention since last October. Advertisements were inserted in the Swiss hotel press, and some 50 applications were received. Mr. Wilfred Meyer, late tenant of Hotel Bellevue and Hotel Bahnhof Wengen, was duly appointed to the post last January and started upon his duties in March. We are pleased to say he has gained the full confidence of the whole Council, and he is the right man in the right place.

The houses were taken possession of on the 29th March, 1923, and in order to facilitate the management of the concern the Council has delegated powers to a small committee of business men, called the House Committee, consisting of Messrs. G. Hafner, C. Bertschinger and W. Meyer. This committee is to direct the economy of the Foyer Suisse, but is responsible to the Council of Management. The House Committee has also directed the entire redecorating and repairs of the two houses, and neither expense, time nor pains have been spared to adapt the place and make it as convenient and up-to-date as possible. All household goods were also estimated for and finally purchased direct from factory.

The immediate problem before the Foyer is the creation of a goodwill, and the opening banquet has been arranged for the sole purpose of giving all our friends, who have helped to lay the foundation of the institution ten years ago, direct contact and personal interest. It now rests with them to patronise the institution and make it known here and in Switzerland. The crux of the problem will be to find the right relationship between the commercial idea and the altruistic, because the success of the one will determine the success of the other. Experience alone can and must teach us the way of progress towards the ideal Swiss Foyer in London. However, the future will be what we make it, and our motto is: Service, and Service to all classes of our Colony. The Foyer Suisse will attract many people and thus bring together men and women of all grades of society, who would otherwise never meet. The public rooms, restaurant, smoking room and social

rooms are open to everybody, and the institution will thus exert an ever-ready and silent ministry among our countrymen, the full measure of which will only be realised by the coming generation. The houses will afford a welcome change from the monotonous round of daily duty, and not only change, but also comfort, cheer and hope. They will also in some degree tend to lessen the loneliness and isolation of many of our fellows in this great city.

Finally, our aim must always be to live on good terms with everybody. We are not in competition with any of the existing institutions, and we have only one desire, *i.e.*, to offer facilities to every group or Swiss society.

May we hope to find many allies in our effort for co-operation and union among the Swiss Colony.

C. BERTSCHINGER,  
Hon. Sec.

## ASSOCIATION of BRITISH MEMBERS of the SWISS ALPINE CLUB.

### MEETING AND DINNER

ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 1923, AT CABANE BRITANNIA AND SAAS FEE.

On above date an Expedition will be made by Members to the Cabane Britannia above Saas Fee to Commemorate the 11th Anniversary of the Opening of the Club Hut, starting from the Grand Hotel at 6 a.m. Members will bring their own Lunch. A Dinner will be held the same evening in the Grand Hotel. The price of the Dinner (which will be moderate) will be collected at the table. Members are invited to bring ladies or gentlemen as guests. Those wishing to attend should inform R. E. C. Houghton, acting secretary for the Dinner. Address up to August 1st, 18, Dean's Yard, London, S.W.1; after that date, Grand Hotel, Saas Fee.

## SWISS SPORTS.

The Committee of the Swiss Sports regrets that in this year's report, published in last week's issue, it omitted to record its appreciation of the three handsome Challenge Cups presented by—

His Excellency C. R. Paravicini, Swiss Minister, Messrs. F. & A. Isler and

*The Swiss Observer*, and begs to tender its apologies for this omission, together with its sincere thanks to the generous donors.

## "Schweizerbund" Swiss Club,

74, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W.1.  
(Nearest Station: GOODGE STREET, Tube.)

SWISS CUISINE, WINES, BEERS, etc.

Dancing every Thursday and Sunday.

BILLIARDS, etc.

Membership Fee: 15/- per annum.  
New Members welcome.

Telephone: Museum 6420.

THE COMMITTEE.

## LE SWISS INSTITUTE

Célébra la FETE NATIONALE par un

## CONCERT PATRIOTIQUE

le 1er Août, à 7.45 p.m., à

MEMORIAL HALL, Farringdon Street

(near Ludgate Circus),

sous la présidence d'honneur de

M. CH. PARAVICINI, Ministre de Suisse.

ENTRÉE LIBRE.

Tout Suisse est cordialement invité.

## Carlton Hotel Elite ZURICH.

Hot and cold water in all rooms.  
BEST MEALS. BEST WINES.  
Pilsener Urquell  
Garden Terrace. Musio.  
GARAGE  
Headquarters of the Society  
"Swiss Friends" of U.S.A.  
MODERATE PRICES.  
Proprietor.

## Swiss Postal Travellers'

### Cheques.

The Swiss Postal Authorities have arranged for the issue in Great Britain of Postal Travellers' Cheques, which can be cashed without formalities at any Post Office in Switzerland. These cheques may be obtained in London from the

## SWISS BANK CORPORATION,

43, Lothbury, E.C.2 & 11c, Regent St., S.W.1.

53

## Pension Suisse 20 Palmeira Avenue, WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA.

offers you the comforts of a real Swiss home: why not spend your holiday there? Sea front. Telephone: Southend 1132.  
Proprietress: Mrs. Albrecht-Meneghelli

## VICTORIA HOUSE, 69-71, St. George's Rd., S.W.1

(10 minutes' from Victoria Station)

Offers comfortable Accommodation with Board for  
: : : short or long stay at moderate terms. : : :

Phone: Victoria 6533.

E. R. HARTMANN (Swiss).

## SWISS WINES

Of Finest Quality and Bouquet.  
BOTTLED IN SWITZERLAND.

### REDUCED PRICES.

	1922	1921
Neuchâtel, Vavre S.A., White ... p. doz.	39/-	45/-
" " " " " " " "	"	51/-
Cortaillo, A. Porret, White ... " "	39/-	45/-
" " " " " " " "	"	57/-
Johannisberg, Mont d'Or S.A., Sion ... " "	"	48/-
Fendant, " " " " " " " "	"	42/-

DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR.

Sole Agents for the United Kingdom:

STANDARD FOODS & PRODUCE Co.,  
32, Great Tower Street, LONDON, E.C.3.

## ALFRED MULLER,

WATCH & CLOCK MAKER,

58, DEAN STREET, LONDON. W.1.

Restoration of Modern and Antique Watches  
and Clocks of every description.

VENTE DE MONTRES DE PRÉCISION. MÉTAL ARGENT.

## SWISS STUMPEN

VILLIGER SEHNE, SWITZERLAND.

Sole Agent: A. SCHMID,

Coburg Court Hotel, Bayswater Rd., W.2

Telephone: PARK 2402.

## OSCAR WEIDELI,

Hairdressing Saloon,

6, Old Compton St. (2 doors from Charing Cross Rd.)

Best Brands of Cigars and Cigarettes.

EGLISE SUISSE, 79, Endell St., W.C.2.

Dimanche, 22 Juillet, 11h.—M. J. Ramseyer.  
6.30.—Pfr. U. Wildbolz.

MARIAGE.

Henry WINTSCH, de Zurich, et Miriam PARKER,  
de Londres—le 14 Juillet 1923.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Sunday, July 22nd.—SOCIETE DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Excursion to Folkestone, offered by the society to its members. Meeting at Charing Cross Station at 9.45 a.m. latest.

Wednesday, August 1st, at 7.45 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Patriotic Concert at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street (near Ludgate Circus). In the Chair: The Swiss Minister.

Printed and Published for the Proprietor, P. F. BOHRINGER, by THE FREDERICK PRINTING CO. LTD., at 21, GARRICK HILL, LONDON, E.C.4.